

Purpose: To summarize the 60 minutes program on 28 April 04 on detainee abuse in Iraq.
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This video began speaking about 17 soldiers (including one Brigadier General) who have been removed from the military for mistreating prisoners. 6 of these soldiers are being court marshaled and are facing prison time.

Pictures shown on the show included a male dressed in a cape with the same material as his cape over his head standing on a box with wires hanging from his fingers. The detainee had to stand on the box and was told if he fell off he would be shocked. Another group of pictures showed naked detainees in either sexual positions with other detainees or placed in pyramids. Some of the pictures had military personnel posing laughing, pointing, and putting their thumbs up.

One of the soldiers, Army reservist Staff Sergeant Chip Frederick, is being court marshaled and charged with setting up the photo of the detainee on the box. He is also being charged with sitting on top of a detainee (also in a photograph) and of an indecent act for being present when pictures of detainees simulating sex acts were taken. Frederick is also accused of striking detainees and forcing detainees to strike one another. Frederick says he was not given any training on dealing with detainees while in Iraq nor did he see the Geneva Convention. He says Military Intelligence, FBI, CIA and many other government agencies would visit the facilities. Frederick says the interrogators would ask the reservists to prepare the detainee physically and mentally for questioning. At this time none of the interrogators from Iraq are facing criminal charges. One interrogator who was interviewed by the military stated he had broken tables intentionally to "fear up" the detainees, but denied ever hurting any of them. Frederick says they would use force sometimes to get the detainees to cooperate and were allowed to do so based on the Rules of Engagement. He stated they would give the detainee a nudge to get the mission accomplished. Frederick felt the failure was in the commanders who did not give guidance or regulations, and the lack of support in the prison. Abu Ghurayb prison held 900 detainees when Frederick left and only 5 reservists and 2 non-commissioned officers were on duty.

General Mark Kimmet the Deputy Director of Coalition Operations in Iraq felt that even if the military was spread to thin, it does not give anyone the right to break the law.

~~Janice Karpinski~~
Brigadier General ~~Karpinsky~~ ran Abu Ghurayb prison along with 3 other very large facilities. The military concluded her lack of leadership and standards lead to problems in the facilities.

Military documents state a detainee ~~who~~ accused a translator of raping a juvenile male while a female took pictures. The military also maintains a picture of a detainee with his genitals attached to wires and a picture of a badly beaten deceased Iraqi detainee.

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When asked about other prison abuse Kimmit said unfortunately there has been other cases of abuse in other facilities in Iraq. He wanted the public to know the Army will not let something like this pass and the people who did abuse the detainees were a small minority of the Army.